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Replenishing the Interim Housing Capital Funding Pool

On August 14, 2018, the Board of Supervisors voted to establish the Interim Housing Capital Funding Pool (the Pool). The Pool was established with a \$50 million investment that was split over fiscal year 2018-2019 and fiscal year 2019-2020. The \$50 million was identified from a number of funding sources including Department of Health Services, AB 109, Measure H, the Mental Health Treatment Center, and the state Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program. The Chief Executive Officer, the Department of Health Services and Board Offices worked collaboratively to identify priority interim housing projects in every supervisorial district. Funding was allocated based on County wide equity and homeless count data per supervisorial district.

The Pool funded a variety of interim housing sites ranging from bridge housing for women to recuperative care. Many of the interim housing sites funded by the Pool are under construction, including Kensington Campus in Lancaster, where 156 beds of interim housing will be made available, and the Sylmar Armory, where 86 beds for women will open in June of this year.

Most Interim Housing Capital Funding Pool funds have been committed and

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there currently exists no plan to add new funding to the Pool in fiscal year 2020-2021.

The Board of Supervisors has repeatedly expressed a strong commitment to increasing interim housing sites including the November 19, 2019 motion to establish the “Urgent Housing Initiative” and the January 21, 2020 motion “Establishing a Comprehensive Homelessness Crisis Response Strategy in Los Angeles.” These efforts cannot succeed without capital funding to build or refurbish interim housing sites.

While it would be natural to assume that Measure H proceeds could support the Interim Housing Capital Funding Pool, ramp up of Measure H spending in fiscal year 2019-2020 and dramatic increases in the number of permanent supportive housing units and interim housing beds with operations funded by Measure H has resulted in a gap between Measure H costs and Measure H funding projected to be available in fiscal year 2020-2021. It would defeat the purpose of increasing the Interim Housing Capital Funding Pool if funds were diverted from existing interim or permanent housing programs. Therefore, Measure H funding should only be considered as a funding source for the IHCFP, to the extent that there is any unallocated, one-time Measure H carryover funding from FY 2019-20 into FY 2020-21.

WE, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer to report back during fiscal year 2020-2021 Supplemental Budget with a plan to fund the Interim Housing Capital Funding Pool with clearly identified sources of funds (excluding the County General Fund) to support capital investments and any related activities needed to create additional interim housing beds.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer to report back during fiscal year 2020-21 Supplemental Budget with a strategy to identify priority projects for Interim Housing Capital Funding Pool funding and a strategy to ensure that funding to support operations of these sites is identified before capital

funding is committed to any site.

S:MR/ReplenishingtheInterimHousingCapitalFundingPool